

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on January 24, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. David Howard, Chair (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Miranda Keaster, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 30, 1/19/2011; HB 43, 1/19/2011; HB 153, 1/19/2011

HEARING ON HB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:20 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 30, Provide for health care sharing ministries and exempt from insurance codes.

[EXHIBIT\(huh18a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh18a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:47 Sen. Hinkle

00:10:38 Sen. Rowlie Hutton

00:15:08 James Lansberry, Samaritan Ministries

00:19:18 Jeff Lazloffy, Montana Family Foundation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:10 Rep. Kennedy

00:23:31 James Lansberry

00:23:59 Rep. Bangerter

00:24:24 James Lansberry

00:24:43 Rep. Furey

00:25:10 James Lansberry

00:26:25 Rep. Ingraham

00:26:46 James Lansberry

00:27:17 Rep. Ingraham

00:27:44 James Lansberry

00:28:25 Rep. Ingraham

00:28:40 James Lansberry

00:29:22 Rep. Hunter

00:30:10 James Lansberry

00:30:58 Rep. Hunter

00:31:08 James Lansberry

00:31:12 Rep. Hunter

00:31:38 James Lansberry

00:32:34 Rep. Hunter

00:33:00 James Lansberry

00:33:26 Rep. Hunter

00:33:58 James Lansberry

00:34:54 Rep. Hunter

00:35:59 James Lansberry

00:38:53 Rep. Noonan

00:39:24 James Lansberry

00:40:55 Rep. Noonan

00:41:08 James Lansberry

00:41:42 Chairman Howard
00:41:52 Rep. Furey
00:42:22 James Lansberry
00:43:06 Rep. Kennedy
00:43:24 James Lansberry

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:24 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 153

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:22 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 153, Allow deductions of health care sharing ministry expenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:56 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:18 Rep. Hunter
00:50:56 Rep. Smith
00:52:23 Rep. Hunter
00:53:03 Rep. Smith
00:53:16 Rep. Hunter
00:53:20 Rep. Smith
00:53:31 Rep. Hunter
00:53:36 Rep. Smith
00:54:53 Rep. Furey
00:55:27 Jeff Laszloffy
00:55:32 Rep. Furey
00:55:34 Jeff Laszloffy
00:55:40 Rep. Furey
00:55:57 Jeff Laszloffy
00:56:19 James Lansberry, Samaritan Ministries
00:56:30 Rep. Furey
00:56:36 James Lansberry

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:07 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 43**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:59:02 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 43, Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana.

EXHIBIT(huh18a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:53 Chairman Howard
01:03:37 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:09:22 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:13:20 Aidan Myhre, Plum Creek Timber Company
01:14:54 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)
01:17:12 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association
01:18:30 Carey Hegreberger, Contractor's Association
01:20:59 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund
01:22:33 Larry Jones, Liberty Northwest
01:23:12 Tammy Johnson, Great Falls and Helena Chamber of Commerce
01:24:13 Ronna Alexander, Petroleum Marketers Association
01:25:22 Margaret Morgan, Greater Montana Independent Electrical Contractors
01:26:46 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
01:27:51 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association
01:28:15 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce, City of Billings, and Yellowstone County

01:28:51 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Association
01:29:10 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association
01:29:27 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)
01:30:11 Bob Worthington, Montana Contractor Compensation Fund
01:30:42 Patrick Heffernin, Montana Wood Products Association
01:31:08 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
01:31:39 Barry Stang, Executive Director, Motor Carriers Montana
01:32:05 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants
01:32:27 Bruce Spetzer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association and Montana Property Casualties Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:33:12 Tom Daubert, Patients and Families United
EXHIBIT(huh18a04)
01:37:37 Jim Gingery, Montana Medical Growers Association
EXHIBIT(huh18a05)
01:39:44 J.C. Weingartner, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
01:45:44 Sarah Baugh, Community Member
EXHIBIT(huh18a06)
01:48:05 Rebecca Sturdevant, Business Owner
EXHIBIT(huh18a07)
01:52:09 Katrina Farnham, Montanans for Responsible Legislation (MRL)

01:56:32 Kate Cholewa, Affiliation for Cannabis Science
EXHIBIT(huh18a08)
01:58:59 Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation
02:00:18 Ken Lindeman, Community Member
02:02:12 Chris Burton, Community Member
02:03:08 Grant Grenfell, Montana Medical Growers Association (MMGA)
02:04:00 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
02:09:44 Doug Chyatte, MRL
02:10:47 Niki Zupanic, Public Policy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)
02:13:34 Steve Zabawa, Business Owner

Informational Testimony:

02:18:51 Mark Cadwallader, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:19:48 Rep. Furey
02:20:25 Kate Cholewa, Affiliation for Cannabis Science
02:21:07 Rep. Furey
02:21:24 Kate Cholewa
02:21:58 Rep. Furey
02:22:21 Kate Cholewa
02:22:45 Rep. Ingraham
02:23:25 Sheryl Wood, MACo
02:24:03 Rep. Ingraham
02:24:39 Rep. MacLaren
02:25:02 Rep. Bangerter
02:25:36 Rebecca Sturdevant, Business Owner
02:26:59 Rep. Bangerter
02:27:09 Rebecca Sturdevant
02:27:45 Rep. Fitzpatrick
02:28:41 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
02:29:13 Rep. Fitzpatrick
02:29:47 Jon Bennion
02:30:22 Rep. Fitzpatrick
02:30:54 Jon Bennion

Closing by Sponsor:

02:31:23 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

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Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh18aad.pdf](#))